

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, 10:00 a.m., December 5, 2013
2nd floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Bldg., Des Moines, IA

Appointed SSCC Members in Attendance:

Kelly Tobin, Chair, SSCC Member, New Market
Jean Eells, SSCC Member, Webster City
Paula Ellis, Incoming SSCC Member, Donnellson
Dale Farnham, SSCC Member, Ames
Vance Hjelm, SSCC Member, Lake Park
Jody Kerns, SSCC Member, Edgewood
Sherman Lundy, SSCC Member, Cedar Falls
Tim Palmer, SSCC Member, Truro

Staff in Attendance:

Jim Gillespie, DSC, Division Director
Jake Hansen, DSC, Bureau Chief
Susan Kozak, DSC, Acting Mines & Minerals Bureau Chief
Shawn Richmond, DSC, CREP Coordinator
Vince Sitzmann, DSC, Bureau Chief
Tarrita Spicer, DSC, Administrative Assistant, Note Taker

Ex Officio Members and Advisors in Attendance:

Steve Hopkins, Department of Natural Resources
Clare Lindahl, Conservation Districts of Iowa
Jaia Fisher, Natural Resources Conservations Service

Additional Attendees:

Deb Kozel, Legislative Services Agency
Susan Heathcoate, Iowa Environmental Council/WIRB Board

Absent

Charles McCullough, SSCC Member, Bernard

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2013 – 43 Jean made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2013, meeting. Jody seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bureau Chief Reports

- Field Services – Sitzmann (hardcopy of report with file)
 - DSC is working on an agreement with ISU Extension for displaced employees in the event of future shutdowns.
 - Request for Intern applications are currently out to SWCDs, deadline to submit requests is 01/03/14; decisions and districts notified by 01/07/14.
 - Issuing RFPs for Development Grants to Districts will be released soon, with a deadline sometime in January, 2014.
- Mines & Minerals – Acting Bureau Chief Susan Kozak (hardcopy of report with file)
 - Plans to announce the vacant MMB Chief position soon; waiting for DAS approval. Hope to have the position filled in February or March.
- Water Resources – Hansen (hardcopy of report with file)

Director's Report – Gillespie (hardcopy of report with file)

Partner Reports

- Natural Resource Conservation Service – Jaia Fisher (no report copies given)
 - CSP Ranking cutoff date is 01/17/14.
 - Shared updated Fact Sheet and discussed EQIP Funding.
 - Iowa budget has yet to be received for Continuing Resolution.

Steve Hopkins joined the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

- Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Hopkins (hardcopy of report with file)

Steve Hopkins exited the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

- Conservation Districts of Iowa – Lindahl (hardcopy of report with file)
- Iowa State Extension
 - Interviewed two candidates for the Extension Water Quality Program Manager and will be announcing the selection soon. This person will work internally to coordinate applied research and extension efforts ongoing at ISU and identify remaining gaps and how to fill them. He or She will also work with external partners for continued communication and coordination.
 - Request follow-up from ISU: Regarding the \$1.5 million Research Center Projects.

Shawn Richmond joined the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Old Business

- Drainage Redesign Pilot Projects Update – Shawn Richmond (hardcopy of report with file)

Shawn Richmond exited the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

- SSCC Research & Demonstration Grant Updates – Spicer (hardcopy of report with file)
- Partnership Day 2014 (hardcopy of handouts with file)
 - Discussed meetings, lodging and the information to be shared.
- Spring Regionals – Which one can you attend?
 - Reg. 8 – Kelly
 - Reg. 9 – Tim
 - Reg. 6 – Dale
 - Reg. 7 – Sherm
 - Reg. 4 – Jody/Charles
 - Reg. 1 & 5 – Vance
 - Reg. 3 & 2 – Jean
- Summer Tour 2014
 - Tarrita will follow up with Lakeside Casino and other hotels in the Osceola area.
 - Tarrita and Tim will discuss possible tour stops and follow up with the committee in January and March.
- Review Technical Bulletin submitted by Iowa Storm Water Education Program (ISWEP) for their SSCC Research and Demonstration Grant. (hardcopy of bulletin with file)

2013 – 44 Tim made a motion to approve the ISWEP Bulletin and the use of the logo. Jody seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- SSCC Chair and Vice Chair Elections

2013 – 45 Tim made a motion to appoint Sherm Lundy as the new SSCC Chair. Jean seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2013 – 46 Sherm made a motion to appoint Jean Eells as the new SSCC Vice Chair. Jody seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SSCC Member Reports

Tim: presented at the ISAC meeting Nov. 14th and attended the REAP Assembly in November.

Sherm: Attended Miller Creek project.

Kelly: Cover Crop meeting in Stanton, IA; ISAC meeting Nov. 14th, and going to attend and present at several Cover Crop meetings and conferences in Des Moines and Nebraska.

Vance: Attended the Freedom Rock event on Nov. 9th, in Dickinson County, the Clean Water Alliance Steering committee meeting in November and was a voting member at the Iowa Farm Bureau meeting Dec. 3rd & 4th.

Jean: Attended WFAN conferences and assisting in writing grants and projects for the group. Completed a REAP grant associated with Next Generation Science Standards.

Paula: Attended the Iowa Farm Bureau Annual meeting and several breakout sessions Dec. 3rd & 4th; January will attend the National No-Till Conference in Illinois.

Future Meetings

January 27th

SSCC/CDI 3:00 p.m., Monday

Rooms can be reserved at: Country Inn & Suites, 1350 NW 118th St, Clive, IA, by January 13, 2014, 515-223-9254. Block reserved under: Soil and Water

Partnership Day, 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, 28th

February

NO MEETING

March 3rd

Monday, 6:30 p.m., Hotel TBD, Ames

6 p.m. for a Sub-committee meeting if needed

Other Meeting:

January 28-30th

2014 Iowa Power Show – Iowa Events Center

Spring Regionals:

February 25th

10:00 a.m., Reg. 8 - Taylor

4:00 p.m., Reg. 9 - Wayne

February 26th

10:00 a.m., Reg. 6 - Polk

February 27th

10:00 a.m., Reg. 7 - Cedar

4:00 p.m., Reg. 4 - Dubuque

March 12th

10:00 a.m., Reg. 1 – Plymouth

4:00 p.m., Reg. 5 – Harrison

March 13th

10:00 a.m., Reg. 3 – Hardin

4:00 p.m., Reg. 2 – Webster

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Kelly Tobin, SSCC Chair

Jim Gillespie, Division Director